

The Announcer.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Congressman Wheeler, of the Tenth district, has named a committee whose functions it will be to report on who ought to be postmaster at Bay City when the time for the expected change arrives.—*Detroit Journal*.

The Free Press says that President Cleveland "will adorn any station." We hope he will. He is now considerably over 50 years old and if he is ever going to, it is time for him to begin. When we think of the stations he adorned in Buffalo—but let that pass.—*Detroit Tribune*.

Jacob Fox, a former resident of this city was arrested at Grayling last night by Officer Wyman, of this city, and brought here to answer the charge of non-support, his wife being the complainant. Owing to the absence from the city of Justice Mangan, Fox will not have a hearing until tomorrow. Mrs. Fox and her two daughters are living with the mother of Mrs. Fox.—*Bay City Press*—Feb. 20.

The republican state convention on last Thursday nominated Judge Claudius B. Grant of Marquette for Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Grant has made a splendid record in dealing with the criminal classes of the upper peninsula, and he will no doubt occupy the supreme bench with equal honor to himself and to the state. For regents of the university Chas. S. Draper and W. J. Cooker were unanimously nominated.

If the tin-plate duty is imposed as provided in the senate bill tin-plate will be enough cheaper in five years to pay the cost of the duty ten times over. This is not fancy, it is fact, it is not argument, it is experience. We make no tin-plate now. In five years we will be making half as much as Great Britain and in ten matching her product, and this addition to the world's supply will drop prices far below the level at which they are now maintained by an English syndicate.—*Philadelphia Press*.

The free trade democrats in congress are going on record now as opposed to revenue reduction in a way that will make their professions look very empty. They are "agin" the repeal of internal revenue taxes, which are the only "war taxes" we have to pay in this country. They are in favor of no reduction of the revenues that does not destroy or cripple the protective system. They are making their record and it will be a good one for republicans to preserve for future use.—*Detroit Tribune*.

We clip the following from the Lansing correspondence of the *Detroit Tribune*, of February 15th:
Rev. Washington Gardner, of Cincinnati, formerly of this state and at present commander of the department of Michigan G. A. R., is here to-day to attend a meeting of the council of administration. Mr. Gardner was invited to address the house in the afternoon. He dwelt upon the debt the country owes the veteran and declared that when the government had done all for the soldier that was required of it, the debt would not be and could not be but slightly paid. The members applauded the speaker and his sentiments.

Telegrams from Washington to the daily papers state that the southern hemorrhoids look with dismay upon the action of the House, last Friday in regard to the admission of the territories as states. They realize with these admissions the supremacy of the south in national affairs is gone forever. As long as they could prevent the admission of the northwestern territories as states, they felt that they could depend upon the democratic chances of carrying enough northern states to enable them to rule the nation. The increase of senators and congressmen from the new states they realize will add to the electoral vote and that henceforth the "solid south" will not be able to cut so much of a figure as in the past. In other words it is the death knell to the democratic party.—*Cheboygan Tribune*.

The republicans of Wilmington, several thousand of whom were disfranchised last year through the operations of democratic officials. If it is true that 3000 of them were unable to vote at the last election because their names were intentionally left off the registration lists their chance to vote at coming elections will not only make New Castle county republican, but will go a long way toward turning Delaware over permanently. The hole already made in the state is a good beginning and is only a question of a short time when it must be taken out of democratic domination altogether. There is plenty of room southward for the republican party to spread, and its progressive and wide-awake policy is much needed in the business affairs of that section.—*Philadelphia Press*.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, '99.

Senators on the democratic side having tried begging and rog-rolling as an inducement to their republican colleagues to confirm some of the numerous nominations now pending before that body, and having failed in both, have now begun an attempt to bulldoze the republicans. Senator Harris has been selected to make a daily motion to go into executive session for the purpose of acting on some of these nominations. So far the motion has been voted down with great regularity by the republicans, and so it is likely to be until the end of the chapter. In refusing to inflict any more democratic officials on a long suffering people, the republican Senators believe themselves to be backed by a large majority of the citizens of this country.

The act chartering the Nicaragua Canal has been signed by the President, and is now a law.

Mr. A. P. Edgerton, who Cleveland removed from the Civil Service Commission in order to appoint Mr. Thompson, of South Carolina, has written an open letter to Cleveland which has been enjoyed here this week. Of course, Mr. Edgerton is a "sore head", and had he not been removed from office would never have publicly expressed such opinions, but that does not mar the enjoyment which the flaying he gives Mr. Cleveland imparts to many people hereabouts, particularly democrats of the Sam Randall stripe. The lack of space prevents my sending the entire letter, but the following opinion of a democrat President, by a democrat, is too good to be lost: "Mr. President, with due courtesy to the office you hold, allow me to say that you are a very peculiar man, a positive man, positively wrong or positively right, and therefore an unsafe man to trust; and that element in your character, I believe, led to your defeat. You are a man who would not permit your real friends to admonish you with freedom and confidence, and as a result you have suffered for the want of friends, and your wrecked greatness has discovered that there is no true success in life without the power and blessing of friendship. You have been taught that great men with destinies are not always wise, except in their own conceit."

Business in Congress is getting into a terrible muddle during these last days of the session and little else is likely to be accomplished, in fact it will not be surprising if one or two of the regular appropriation bills fail to get through. The Omnibus Territorial bill has at last passed, and has now gone to the President. The people of South Dakota, under this act, will on May 14, vote upon the adoption of the Sioux Falls Constitution; also the location of the Capital. On the same day the citizens of North Dakota, Montana and Washington may vote for delegates to constitutional conventions and for state officers. On the first Tuesday in October, the people may vote upon the constitutions proposed by the conventions, and if adopted, after the President's proclamation to that effect, the Governor of each may order an election of members of the legislature and Representatives in Congress. The legislatures may meet and elect two Senators each, in time to take their seats at the beginning of the first regular session of the Fifty-first Congress, at which time the Representatives shall also be admitted to seats. All hope of any legislation at this session looking towards settlement of the indebtedness of the Pacific Coast Railroads to the Government, has been abandoned, and Senator Stewart has offered a resolution authorizing the Senate committee having the matter in charge to sit during the recess. It seems to be an impossibility for Congress to make these wealthy corporations pay Uncle Sam what they owe him.

The Direct-tax bill, after many ups and downs, has passed Congress, and is now in the hands of the President. Owing to the delay in agreeing to the conference report, which was seemingly intentional, many people believe that the measure is to get what is known as a pocket veto, that is, it may fail to receive the President's signature before the 4th of March, which would effectively kill it. Others believe that he will veto it, and take the occasion to say a few farewell words politically. Representative Butterworth has introduced a resolution to appropriate \$500,000 for the members of the Canadian Parliament on their trip through the States. He thinks great good would result from such a visit.

Many democratic papers of the north are emphatic in their denunciation of the assassination of John M. Clayton, of Arkansas, and claim that the democracy were not responsible for the murder. It is all right for northern democratic papers to disavow any party responsibility for the disgraceful outrage, but the fact remains that the democratic party was the party that was expected to gain by the murder. The policy of that party in the Southern states is responsible and it was only the natural culmination of the outrages of that party on the ballot box in nearly every southern state to say nothing of the fact that no effort has been made to bring to justice any of the perpetrators of murder for political effect.—*Cheboygan Tribune*.

Annual Report of the G. L. and P. Association.

At the annual meeting of the G. L. and P. A., the following report was submitted by the Secretary and adopted:

A. RESOURCES.	
Jan. 1, '98, Cash on hand,	\$ 74 05
Received from:	
Jan. 9, '98, S. H. & Co.,	13 00
" 19, Mrs. N. P. Salling,	5 00
" 27, G. H. Hicks,	2 00
Feb. 9, Mrs. Wright,	2 00
" 22, Grayling Band,	5 00
Mar. 16, E. J. Sullink,	5 00
" 24, Hicks, Sawyer & Co.,	10 00
Apr. 23, Chatsworth R. Co.,	2 00
" 9, Presbyterian Society,	9 00
" 16 to Oct. 19, U. S. L. Of.,	116 00
" 16, Cash, 73 cords wood,	9 30
Sep. 16, Democrats,	3 08
Nov. 1, 3, and 5, Democrats,	9 08
Sep. 18, Mr. Wright,	2 00
" 12, Mrs. Staley,	2 00
" 28, Democrats,	3 00
Oct. 10, Democrats,	3 00
Nov. 6, M. E. Church,	4 00
" 29, S. of V.,	5 00
Oct. 23, F. M. Fogg,	3 00
Nov. 14, Republicans,	3 00
" 15, Presb. Society,	2 00
" 28, Bart & Prickett,	7 00
Dec. 21, B. Michelson,	5 00
" 21, Mr. Pringle,	5 00
Outstanding rent,	208 77
	\$ 519 28

B. LIABILITIES.	
Apr. 19, Paid W. W. Metcalf,	12 00
" 12, Pd. Horton, painting,	15 50
" 25, do do	95 00
Pd order favor N. H. Traver,	68 73
Pd order favor of M. J. Connine,	36 00
	\$ 227 23

The following Directors were elected: Messrs. R. Hanson, N. Michelson, G. Mead, N. H. Traver, J. M. Finn, and at a subsequent meeting of the Directors, the following officers were elected: President, R. Hanson; Vice President, G. Mead; Treasurer, N. Michelson; Secretary, J. M. Finn. On motion it was resolved to declare a dividend of 16 per cent. on the capital stock of the Society, payable at the office of the Treasurer. It was also resolved to sell the Hall, and a committee consisting of R. Hanson, N. Michelson and J. M. Finn was appointed with full powers to sell at the best obtainable price and terms.

R. HANSON, Pres.

J. M. Finn, Secy.

Grayling G. O. P. Lumberman.

EDITOR AVAILABRE:—Please allow me a little space in your paper to answer my worthy friend across the way. He claims that he was somewhat surprised to hear one of our prominent local republicans, and a lumber jobber testify under oath in a Justice Court, that wages were lower in the woods this winter than they were a year ago.

These United States are made up of little surprise parties, and I am very much surprised to think that a man of his caliber would get surprised so easily, after visiting so many lumber camps as he did last fall, peddling those little surprise circulars of his, and then getting left at the polls in November. He ought to be getting accustomed to it by this time. But let me surprise my would be free trader that I got the best lumber job from one of the G. O. P. after the election, that I ever had, and that I employed in the camp over fifty men and paid them \$26.00 per month, with the exception of four or five. Now if it would not surprise you too much, look around at some of your democrat lumbermen and you will find that the time checks given their men call for payment at the rate of from fourteen to twenty-two dollars per month. Now you say that the tariff is a tax, and that high or low it has nothing to do with the rate of wages any more than the changes of the moon. Now come, dear brother, don't try to pull the nails out of your coffin and drive them in the moon, for you can't hit it.

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The Avalanche.

T. C. HANSON, Local Editor.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1889.

LOCALITE VS.

Selling, Hanson & Co's. Price List

(Corrected Weekly.)

Oats No. 1 white, per bushel, 34 cts.
Hay No. 1, 100 lbs., per ton, \$18.00.
Rye, per ton, \$17.00.
May flour, roller patent, per barrel, \$4.00.
May flour, roller mill, per barrel, \$3.75.
Gold dust flour, per barrel, \$5.75.
Excelsior flour, per barrel, \$4.60.
Extra mess beef, per barrel, \$7.75.
Refined lard, per barrel, \$13.00.
Ham, sugar cured, per pound, 14 cts.
Shoulder ham, per pound, 14 cts.
Clear pork per pound, 7 cts.
Rump butter, per pound, 7 cts.
Creamery butter, per pound, 30 Dairy 25.
Fresh eggs, per dozen, 20 cts.
O. G. Java, ground, per pound, 38 cts.
Mocha, ground, per pound, 40 cts.
R. C. & Co's. Mexican coffee, per lb., 25 cts.
Tara, green, per pound, 15 to 20 cts.
Sugar, extra C, per pound, 7 1/2 cts.
Sugar, granulated, per pound, 8 1/2 cts.
Sugar, cut loaf, per pound, 10 cts.
Sugar, powdered, per pound 10 cts.
Oil, waterwhite, per gallon, 15 cts.
Beans, hand picked, per bushel, \$2.25.
Peas, green, per bushel, \$2.00.
Syrup, sugar, per gallon, 50 cts.
N. O. molasses, per gallon, 50 cts.
Malasses, per gallon, 40 cts.
Potatoes, per bushel, 30 cts.

Buy your children's shoes at Finn's Shoe Emporium.

A lodge of Knights of Pythias has been organized at West Branch.

Finn's Shoe Emporium is the place to buy your shoes.

Mrs. Ethel Barnhart, of Bay City, is visiting friends in Grayling, this week.

Ladies will find all the new shades in dress goods, at Finn's.

Geo. Peacock, town treasurer of Grove was in town last Tuesday.

Fresh vegetables can be found at the Meat Market of C. W. Wright.

Tomatoes and Oranges at 15 cents per dozen, at the store of S. H. & Co.

M. E. Hagerman, of Beaver Creek, was in town yesterday.

The Pioneer Store is the place to purchase your Sugar at reduced prices.

P. Aebli and J. Neiderer, of Blaine, were in town last Tuesday.

Try a box of S. H. & Co's. Potato Chips. They are fine.

S. L. Hagerman, of Beaver Creek, was in town last Monday.

For a box of Quaker Oats, go to the store of S. H. & Co.

Mrs. W. H. James, of Beaver Creek, was in town last Monday.

For Job Work of all kinds call at the AVALANCHE office.

A stock of fresh Vaccine, at Traver's Drug Store.

D. H. Hutchins, of Frederic, was in Grayling last week.

Some great bargains in Hats, at Blakeslee's.

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Don't forget the Great Bargains in clothing, at Finn's.

Now is the time to buy your Boots and Shoes, at Blakeslee's.

Horses, ponies and cows for sale at W. S. Chalker's barn, Grayling, Mich.

Read Finn's new "ad." this week, and profit by it.

A good ox of heavy oxen for sale, cheap. Enquire at this office.

Garrett Mead left on the noon train yesterday, for Lansing. He may visit Chicago before he returns.

Blakeslee has decided to close out his stock of Boots and Shoes. You can buy them at wholesale prices.

Mrs. Gunn, of Otsego Lake, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Canfield, this week.

For fresh butter, eggs, etc., go to the new Meat Market of Comer & Taylor.

The Northern Mail is conducted in such a red hot manner that every now and then the material catches fire.

Oranges, lemons, coconuts and bananas at the market of Comer & Taylor.

Miss Anna Charron and sister returned to-day from a week's visit with their friends and relatives in Bay City.

Over \$500.00 worth of Men's Hats just received at Finn's. Call and see the spring styles.

What is the matter with our Beaver Creek correspondent? Let us hear from you.

The quilt drawing under the auspices of the "Women's Relief Corps," will take place next week.

C. H. Turner was called by Mason, Mich., Tuesday, by the severe illness of his father.

Remember that the Pioneer Store always carries a full line of Groceries and Hardware.

Comer & Taylor are seeking their best-houses with some of the finest ice that was ever harvested in Grayling.

Don't forget Finn's great bargains in clothing, as the sale will continue for a short time only.

S. H. & Co. are giving great bargains in Men's overcoats, suits and boys' clothing, which they are selling at cost.

Wm. Cutler, who is lumbering near Vanderbilt, was in town last week.

Master Fred Silsby went to Roscommon yesterday for a visit with friends at that place.

Go to the store of S. H. & Co., for Boy's suits. They have just received a large stock at very low prices.

Rev. J. H. Phelps went to the southern portion of the State on a visit, last Thursday.

The Pioneer Store is the place to find a nice blue of California and standard brands of Canned Goods.

M. T. Weldon, of Frederic, was in the village last week visiting his brother Mr. V. Weldon. —Ros. News.

Another invoice of Robinson and Burdett shoes received this week, at J. M. Finns.

G. H. Bonnall was at Otsego Lake taking views of scenery, etc., in that locality, last week.

Selling, Hanson & Co., received a carload of potatoes last week from S. W. Joseph, of Gaylord.

H. Bueh made Grabowsky Brothers, of Roscommon, a visit one day last week.

H. H. Woodruff, Esq., of Rosemont, was in Grayling, last Monday, attending to legal business.

Whedon York, of South Branch, was in town last Monday and Tuesday and while here made us a call.

The Roscommon oil excitement is raising its head again. Now is the time to buy before town lots get too high. —Detroit Journal.

Garret Mead purchased the Mack Taylor property on Michigan Avenue, last Tuesday. It is now occupied by Prof. Lankenau.

Mrs. O. Palmer returned from a week's visit with her sister Mrs. Dr. W. H. Niles, in Oscoda county, last Monday.

Mr. Chellis Hooker, the new proprietor of the Otsego Lake House, at Otsego Lake, was in town last Monday.

Finn's shoe trade is increasing daily, because he has the largest and best assortment of shoes in Crawford county, and at prices that defy competition.

Mr. Charles Smith, night clerk at the Commercial House, returned last Monday from a brief visit with friends in Bay City.

George McCullough is expected to return home within a few days to accept a position in Ellsworth's barber shop. He is now in Duluth.

Before you purchase Rubbers, Arctics, Lumbermen's Hose, Socks or Underwear, examine prices at the Pioneer Store.

Once more the Mail office narrowly escaped going up in smoke by the timely arrival of ye editor on the scene of danger. —Mio Mail.

Will Leach goes to Grayling next week to work in a tailor shop at this place. Success so him. —Otsego Co. News.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron and Walter Cox went to Albion one day last week to attend the funeral of a relative at that place.

Ben. J. Patterson returned last Sunday morning from the Southern part of the State, where he had been visiting friends for the past two weeks.

Mr. John Ward and wife, of Frederic, attended the Opening Party at the Grayling House, last Friday evening.

A fire broke out in the house occupied by John Cowell, last Thursday, but was extinguished after doing considerable damage.

Mrs. J. M. Silsby, of Center Plains, was in town last week, visiting her children who are attending the Grayling school.

Mrs. Jacob Stecker, of South Branch, has so far recovered from her severe fall as to be up we are pleased to learn. —Ros. News.

Messrs. Stecker and Lelme, of South Branch, have been busy during the week hauling ice from Ilagius Lake, for A. Herzfeld. —Ros. News.

Wood Gerrish and family, of Cadillac, spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Stecker of South Branch. —Ros. News.

James Hall, of Bay City, conductor on a freight train between here and that place, spent Sunday with Clara Robinson.

And now it is said that the Traverse City, Kalkaska and Grayling railroad is to be built during 1889. —Kalkaska.

Mrs. D. Kallenberg, of Roscommon, wife of D. Kallenberg, a member of Marvin Post, is reported to be quite sick.

L. E. Farrell, of West Branch lost his residence and most of its contents by fire last Saturday, intense cold rendering fire apparatus useless.

The ladies of Grayling and vicinity are especially invited to call at Finn's shoe Emporium, and see the fine shoes made by Gray Bros., Syracuse, New York.

There was a special meeting of Grayling Chapter R. A. Masons, last Monday evening for the purpose of conferring the degrees on J. H. Richardson, of South Branch township, which prevented the special meeting of the Blue Lodge for instruction.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwards, of St. Ignace, are visiting with friends in and about Grayling. Mr. Edwards is prohibited by his physicians from preaching for three months.

Yesterday's register at the Grayling House showed guests present from Bay City, Oscoda, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit, Findlay, O., Charlevoix, and St. Paul.

MARRIED—On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26th, at the M. E. Parsonage, by Rev. J. W. Taylor, Mr. Arthur L. Morse and Miss Bertha V. Winters, both of Vanderbilt.

There will be a Pound Social given at the M. E. church this evening, for the benefit of Elder Taylor. Everybody is invited to come and bring a pound or more with them.

One day last week the house of W. H. James, in Beaver Creek, was discovered on fire in the roof, and was extinguished with difficulty after burning a hole 2x9 feet in the peak. A narrow escape from total loss.

All members of Grayling Masonic Lodge, who wish to become posted in the work, are respectfully requested to attend the special meetings held on Monday evening of each week.

O. J. having bought the stock of Boots and Shoes of C. O. McCullough, respectfully asks a share of the patronage of the citizens of Grayling and vicinity.

Wanted a school teacher for Dist. No. 6, South Branch township, Crawford County. Apply to Dr. S. Reyell, director, Roscommon, Mich.

The Quilt Drawing will take place to-morrow evening, March 1st, at Grand Army Hall. The Glee Club will entertain the exercises by singing army songs and other patriotic music. All are invited to attend.

The Otsego Co. Herald says: "The G. A. R. boys of Vanderbilt, Gen. Harter Post, are to have a martial band and will hereafter furnish their own music. They received their drums last week."

An injunction has been granted by the Michigan Central from the work of ice harvesting at Otsego Lake, and the company has accordingly moved its tools and men to the straits where ice, like salvation, is free. —Detroit News.

The Young People's Society, of the M. E. church gave Mrs. J. Staley a surprise party last Friday evening and presented her with a fine Piano Lamp, in appreciation of her services as leader of their society.

Engine No. 133, Mr. Godfrey, engineer, on the train that arrives here about noon, had the spokes driven out of one of his drive wheels about four miles north of Frederic, last Tuesday week, delaying the train about four hours.

A young lady employed in the Patent Office, made the remark, "that she did not like Cleveland, as he was a pig." It was reported to him and he had her removed. Now she thinks he is a hog, and is not far from being right.

The Finn Bros., of Grayling, one of whom is the late "hustling young democrat," J. Maurice Finn, have struck gold near Ishpeming. In fact, lots of people seem to have struck the yellow metal there, but thus far dividends have been rare. —Detroit Journal.

Mrs. Easton has opened a Laundry on Cedar Street, and is prepared to do all work that may be entrusted to her in good style. She uses no acids of any kind and clothes washed by her will wear longer than if sent to Bay City or Detroit. Give her a call.

Finn Bros., of Grayling, working on prospects north of the Michigan mine, near Ishpeming, yesterday struck gold 10 feet from the surface. The gold is in quartz, in nuggets, and from a few pounds of rock a gold button worth \$136 was smelted. —Detroit News.

Jacob Stecker, John Lelme, Henry Finck, Hubbard Head, Julius Richardson and several other South Branch citizens were in Grayling last Monday trying to straighten up some intricate township matters before Justice Taylor. They all were callers at the AVALANCHE office.

We clip the following notice from the Alpena Labor Journal: "Found, a deputy sheriff's badge, bearing the inscription, 'Deputy Sheriff of Crawford County,' and initials 'C. L. S.' can be had at this office, by paying charges." C. L. Saunders must have been in Alpena lately as the badge belonged to him.

All are cordially invited to attend a Pic Social, to be given at the Opera House, Friday evening, March 8th, by the ladies of the Presbyterian Society. A 25-cent supper consisting of oyster pie, chicken pie, and every other kind of pie, will be served from 5 to 10 o'clock. Further entertainment during the evening.

The opening party, given by Messrs. Phelps & Davis, of the Grayling House, was not so largely attended as it would have been but for the terrible storm that night, but was in every respect a success. The music was fine and the supper was simply elegant. Everybody was happily and merrily entertained, and the ladies demonstrated their ability in that direction.

Nell McLenn, who is lumbering with D. W. Benjamin in Crawford county, was in town Saturday on his way to a visit to his home in Charlevoix. He reports fair progress with their work. They are taking out the worst of the timber this winter and expect to make a nice margin on the remainder. —West Branch Times.

The prospect is now favorable for the following new railroads running to and through Kalkaska: The Detroit, Charlevoix & Escanaba, The Kalkaska and Elk Rapids and the Traverse City, Kalkaska and Grayling. The two former will undoubtedly be built during the coming summer. —Kalkaska.

We clip the following from the Detroit News of last Thursday: "The Lake Hotel at Cheney, which burned Friday, was one of the first buildings in the place, and had been a landmark for many years. The loss on the building and contents was not far from \$5,000, and there was no insurance."

The school ma'am is the guiding star of the republic. She takes the little bunting fresh from the home nest full of doubts and passions, ungovernable little rogue, whose own mother often admits that she sends him to school to get rid of him. The school ma'am takes a whole car load of these little anarchists and puts them in a way to become useful citizens. At what expense of patient toil and soul weariness? Do you imagine she is ever compensated by the salary she receives?

The question of who and where the squash that took first premium at the State Fair was raised; and who raised it, is now settled, as will be seen by the following extract from an article in last week's Roscommon News: "It was raised 'near the station'—about eight or ten miles from it. The honor is due James Reyell and the simple statement by Prof. Willetts that it was on his farm the squash was raised would have been proper and prevented all this work. As for 'hope for the sand plains' the fact of taking first prize over the 'oasis' and the rest of the State is a guarantee—a great deal more than a hope—for the future of this region."

The interest in the new oil prospect has not flagged during the week. Mr. Granby's clerk, H. Gifford, of this place, has been kept pretty busy making leases. Over 7,000 acres are now leased and the company can have more. This land is all quite close to the village and the titles perfect, the company not wishing to handle any title that has back taxes or held on tax that Mr. Granby is of the opinion that we will have a well down before snow flies in the fall, but does not desire to strike oil at a less depth than 1,000 feet and would prefer to get it at 1,500. When they get started he says they will rush things and the effort will not be abandoned even if the first dozen of holes are fruitless; but that a thorough test of the territory will be made.

It is reported agents of the Standard Oil Company are now trying to lease land where he has been and will be here probably next week to lease land for the same purpose. —Roscommon News.

We clip the following from the Weekly Redoubt, published at New Baltimore, Ohio: "WILSON—EDSALL—At the residence of Frank Swinburn, by Rev. Johnson, Wednesday evening, February 13, 1889, Mr. Ira Wilson to Miss Jennie Edsall, both of this place."

We were greatly surprised, though agreeably so, to learn the above item. Miss Jennie has been our agreeable postmistress for some months, and it is with regret that we see her drop the podium of the postoffice, in which capacity she did so well. She has a remarkably retentive memory, which eminently fitted her for the position. Mr. Wilson is a son of D. M. Wilson, and a model young man. We are sorry to learn further that the newly-wedded couple will leave for Texas next week, where they will make their future home. The Berken extends its hearty good will to the happy couple, and wish them a long and useful life.

Detroit's Flower Show. Detroit is to have a floral exhibition—the first one in Michigan—on April 2, 3, 4 and 5. All the 24 Detroit florists and many others from various parts of the State will make displays of the rarest and most beautiful flowers, having especially typed their growing plants with the flower show in view. Then, too, the ladies of Detroit who are interested in the various charities are to have booths for the sale of flowers. Young ladies in costume will be in attendance on the booths and the whole affair will be one of the most attractive exhibitions Detroit has ever witnessed. The entire net proceeds of the flower show are to be divided equally among the 21 charities represented in the enterprise.

Arrangements have been made for excursions from all parts of the state to Detroit at the time of the exhibition, and the details as to special rates of fare will be learned by applying to the local ticket agents. The exhibition originated with Mr. W. H. Beardsley, of the Detroit Journal, who acts as general manager. Col. Fred Farnsworth is the secretary and Mr. Frank D. Taylor is the treasurer. The Detroit Journal guarantees the charities against loss—a somewhat needless precaution, where there is such positive assurance of success.

Frederic Items.

Our school will close March 7th. The friends of Messrs. E. G. and G. W. Gordon are urging them to hold a protracted meeting, to begin some time in March. E. G. Gordon is already doing religious work in Maple Forest.

Mr. Jesse Barker, an old and much respected citizen is quite sick, and his death will not be a surprise to his friends.

Rev. Campbell made a flying trip to Gaylord, last Friday.

Mrs. Wilson-Andrews and Miss Bell Gordon, Sundayed in Grayling, visiting friends.

Mr. Jacob Karnes moved to this town last week, occupying his own house.

Proctor's Box.

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Weather Record.

Weather record for Grayling, Mich., commencing Feb. 20, to Feb. 27, '89: Highest thermometer, 35°; Lowest, -38°; Barometer falling.

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Special public examinations for the year will also be held at Grayling, on the first Friday of September 1888, and the last Friday of April and September 1889.

First and second grade certificates can be granted only at the regular public examinations.

All examinations commence promptly at 8:15 A. M. standard time.

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